

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell Governor

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Dear Fellow Virginians:

I am honored to be launching the 2013 Stewardship Virginia spring campaign to run April 1 through May 31, 2013. Stewardship Virginia is a campaign to encourage volunteers to participate in projects that will contribute to conserving Virginia's landscapes, improving water quality, providing for improved recreational opportunities, and enhancing fisheries and wildlife.

Citizens, businesses and service groups across the Commonwealth are encouraged to become involved by adopting streams, planting buffers, improving wildlife habitat, and participating in educational and recreational programs.

Virginia's natural resource agencies and others will participate in these efforts, and each participant will receive personal certificates of appreciation. Given your commitment to wise stewardship, I am asking you to identify and undertake one or more projects and to register your event or activity with Stewardship Virginia so we can recognize your contribution to improving the environment. Or, if you prefer, volunteer for one of the projects sponsored by our natural resource agencies. You can find a list of them at www.dcr.virginia.gov/stewardship.

Virginia's landscapes and waterways are important for their ecological value, scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. If you or your organization would like to participate in Stewardship Virginia, complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the address listed. You can also register your event on-line at the above website.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is once again taking a leadership role in this campaign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Bonnie Phillips with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at (804) 786-5056 or toll free at 1-877-42-WATER.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert F. McDonnell

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